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Saturday April 10:

Charter to leave Dartmouth Shopping Center at 8:15 a.m. down Barrington to Spring Garden to Dalhousie. Leave Dalhousie and proceed to Mount by shuttle route. Arrive at the Mount at 9:00 a.m. Leave the Mount at 12:15 p.m. and follow same route back to Dartmouth. Leave Dartmouth again at 12:50 p.m. and follow same route back to Mount to arrive at 1:20 p.m. Leave the Mount at 4:45 p.m. and return to Dartmouth by same route.

Saturday April 17:

Charter to leave Dartmouth Shopping Center at 8:15 a.m. down Barrington to Spring Garden to Dalhousie. Leave Dalhousie and proceed to Mount by Shuttle route. Arrive at the Mount at 9:00 a.m. Leave the Mount at 12:15 p.m. and follow the same route back to Dartmouth.

The lunch bucket

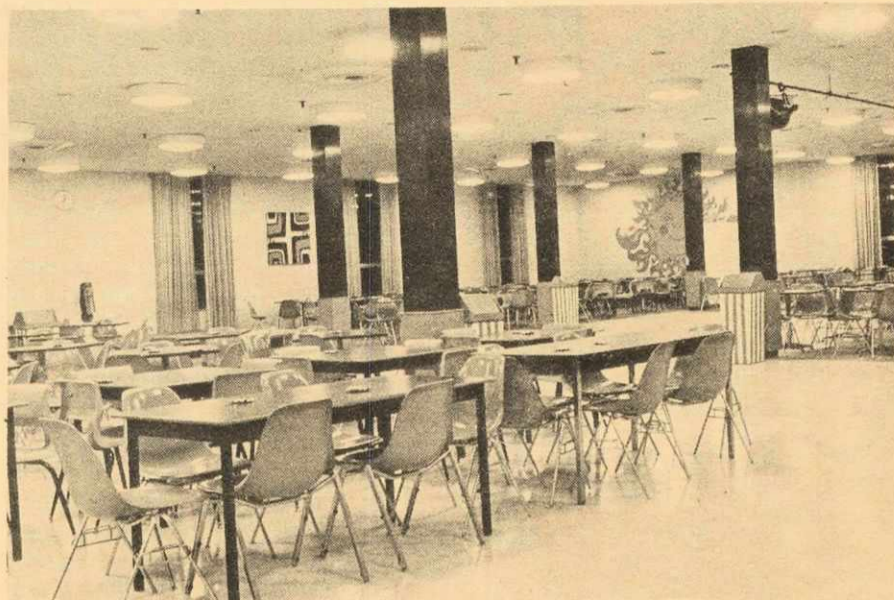
by Alan McHughen

This is number 27 in a terminating series of articles dealing with the Food Services aspect of the Dalhousie Student Union. Sometime during the summer, the Student Council government of Neal-Gillis will appoint one of their honourable members to replace me as Chairperson of the Food Services Committee. I offer my best wishes to whomever gets sucked into the position.

Because of the large number of letters received in the last few weeks, I can't possibly answer them all here, so I've selected one, which I think is one of the best of the year. Also, the winner of the gross-out contest held in the last couple of weeks is printed here.

Dear Box and Basket (case)

For all the letters with valid requests for change which have been published in this column in the dull GAZETTE, I see not a single change in anything at the cafeteria end of the stick (shitty). So, McEwan, I respectfully request that



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you find an oriface on your body up which to shove your useless answers. Well, enjoy your job 'till the end of the year and I hope for the sake of those who have to eat here that Saga does not recycle you in the Club sandwiches as mock turkey.

Anon.

Since the second issue of the Gazette (no letters were answered in the first issue), I have answered 190 letters. (A total of slightly over 200 were received. They include the "unprintables" and the few leftovers of the last two weeks or so. It also includes the letters that were not printed because they were written on the same day by the same person stating the same complaint. In that case, only one of the letters was printed.) Of the 190 letters answered (count 'em), there are 44 valid complaints, 46 potentially useful suggestions, and 86 general comments. The remaining 14 or so were miscellaneous letters that bore no relation to the cafeteria.

Of the 90 "valid" complaints and suggestions, I feel that the problem or suggestion was investigated to the best of my limited ability in about 74 cases. Although the solutions did not always appear in the column, they were worked out with Pat Hennessey personally, with the SUB General Manager John Graham, and/or with the person making the complaint initially. One of the most common problems, and a perennial one, concerned the pricing structure. Here, I could do very little. My lack of financial knowledge is generally apparent, so I could rarely argue about money. Incidentally, I don't like the price of food either. And I'm sure Saga would love to lower their prices if the food retailers would lower theirs. But after a year in the business, I've come to the realization that individuals, even a group as large and powerful as the Student Union can do nothing to effect change in the economy.

Most of the change I've been involved in helping to bring about are the small things that are rarely noticeable; things like providing decaffeinated coffee for those who enjoy it, things like making sure the tables don't get into the deplorable condition characteristic of the last few years, things like making sure the place runs efficiently, and even the relatively minor thing of providing a place where people can complain and know somebody will read it (regardless of whether or not anything will be done with it). It is difficult for a person like myself to effect great change which will benefit everyone. Many of my ideas were old ones, and not used because of shortcomings pointed out to me by those who know much more about this business than I ever will. Perhaps the new Chairman (chairperson) will have more

ability than me and will be able to effect change that will be apparent in the cafeteria. In any case, I have enjoyed "my job" for the past year, but now I'm glad it's over. Perhaps now I can walk through the cafeteria at noontime without at least three people telling me about the fish in their Tuna Salad.

P.S. Don't eat Club sandwiches over the summer

Here's the winner of the gross letter contest:

Dear Alan,

Judging from your comments in last week's column, I would guess that the chances of my letter being printed are quite slim. Nonetheless, I am writing this letter in all sincerity, having saved my comments 'til the year's end, and hope that it will be printed. First of all, I would like to congratulate you and your column on the work you have done. Through the "Lunch Bucket", many students have come to better understand some of the problems encountered in feeding a large student body, and are now not so quick to criticize and complain. I thank you, for your work, in acting as a liason between students and Saga Foods. I also thank you for bringing many a smile (and many more outbursts of laughter) to my face, while reading your witty replies to the many and varied letters which you received. Secondly, I have no complaints about the cafeteria. I have been eating here for three years and in that time have found the staff helpful and courteous, the food tasty....People complain about the food here, but they must stop and realize that any cafeteria serving the number of people that ours does cannot be expected to have food that tastes as good as Mother's home cooked. One last comment - the Deli-Bar and baked goods counter are the greatest ideas yet. If these were your ideas, thanks; if not, please pass on the thanks to the party or parties responsible. Sign me,

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Thank you, but Pat Hennessey was solely responsible for both the Deli-Bar and the Baked Goods counter. Incidentally, Pat will not be here next year, as he is moving on to bigger and better things. (I met the new manager the other day - he asked me not to rake him over the coals. I certainly hope, if he lights the coals, that somebody drags him over them.)

To clear up some common confusion concerning this column: A) All letters are genuine and real. I do not make up my own because that would be too difficult. But many people have quite seriously asked me how many of the letters are concocted, even Ken MacDougall accused me of this. It's continued on page 7

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